



**Anti-Human Trafficking Month**

January 2024

**Whereas**, human trafficking is a global plague that impacts millions of people each year, including tens of thousands of Americans; and

**Whereas**, the United States ranks as one of the worst countries globally for human trafficking; and

**Whereas**, Arizona ranks in the top 15 states with the highest rates of human trafficking per capita; and

**Whereas**, human trafficking impacts people across all demographics and ages, including teenagers and children; and

**Whereas**, the battle against human trafficking includes supporting efforts in schools, churches, non-profits, law enforcement, and businesses to prevent human trafficking; intervene, disrupt, and dismantle human trafficking syndicates; and provide resources to and support for victims of human trafficking.

**Whereas**, the City of Avondale joins schools, churches, non-profit organizations, law enforcement, government partners and the NotInOurCity.org movement in our commitment to increase public awareness of the human trafficking epidemic that impacts our communities, state, nation, and world.


**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Kenneth Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona, do hereby proclaim January 2024 as:

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I urge our resident and partners to work together to eliminate trafficking from our community and support the efforts of front-line organizations and law enforcement in their battle against human trafficking and to take a stand and say NOT IN OUR CITY!

  
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Mayor

  
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Councilmember Conde

Attest:   
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City Clerk